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### Piles Of Paper

Excessive amounts of paper and cardboard can create a fire hazard. They are easily ignited, and the fuel they provide can quickly turn a small fire into a big one.

- Do not store paper and cardboard near sources of ignitions such as a pilot light.
- Do not store paper and other combustibles near fire escape routes such as doorways or staircases.

### Clutter Caution

Clutter can cause injuries from falls, so store recyclables where people will not trip over them.

- Keep down the accumulations of junk by making frequent trips to the recycling centre.

### Hazardous Materials

Unused hazardous materials such as solvents, pesticides and motor oil should not go into the ground, the garbage collection or the sewer system. For your safety, they shouldn't sit around too long awaiting disposal.

- For wastes accumulated around home, keep them correctly labelled and out of the reach of children. Take them to the community hazardous waste collection area, or other appropriate facilities, as soon as possible. When you are dealing with wastes on the job, learn and follow your company's policies and procedures.

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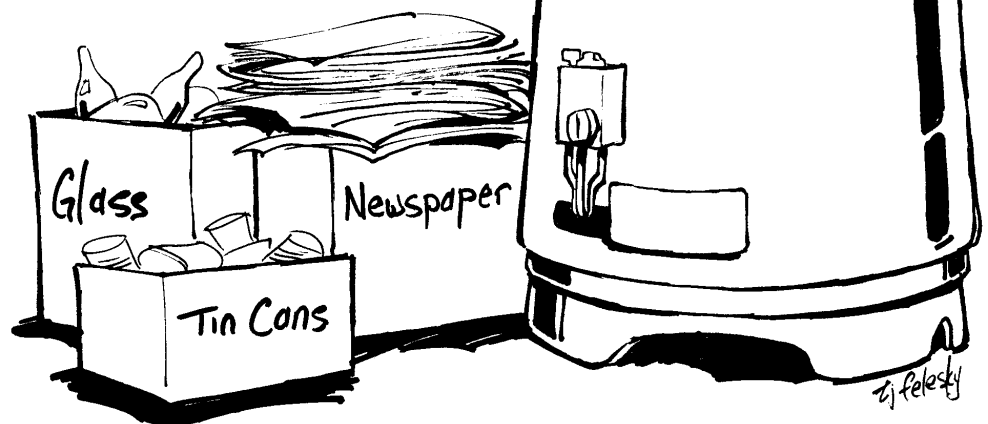
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